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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 11 Percent

Idaho's 2010 winter wheat production is forecast at 62.9 million bushels, 11 percent higher than last year, and 5 percent above the 2008 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 85.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 740,000 acres, an increase of 40,000 acres from 2009. Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 775,000 tons, up 72 percent from May 1, 2009. Hay production during 2009 was down 1 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year. Expected grain area totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. As of May 2, sixty-eight percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 21 points above the same week in 2009, and heading had reached 27 percent in the 18 major producing States, 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White. All hay stored on farms May 1, 2010 totaled 20.9 million tons, down 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2009-May 1, 2010 totaled 86.3 million tons, compared with 81.6 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Selected States and United States, 2008-2009 and Forecasted May 1, 2010

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels /Acres</i>		<i>Thousands</i>		
Arkansas	390	170	44.0	52.0	55,860	17,160	8,840
California	315	380	80.0	70.0	34,000	25,200	26,600
Colorado	2,450	2,300	40.0	38.0	57,000	98,000	87,400
Georgia	250	130	42.0	48.0	22,400	10,500	6,240
IDAHO	700	740	81.0	85.0	60,000	56,700	62,900
Illinois	820	325	56.0	60.0	73,600	45,920	19,500
Indiana	450	280	67.0	68.0	38,640	30,150	19,040
Kansas	8,800	8,200	42.0	42.0	356,000	369,600	344,400
Kentucky	390	300	57.0	65.0	32,660	22,230	19,500
Maryland	195	140	60.0	63.0	13,140	11,700	8,820
Michigan	560	490	69.0	72.0	48,990	38,640	35,280
Mississippi	165	130	50.0	50.0	30,070	8,250	6,500
Missouri	730	310	47.0	46.0	55,680	34,310	14,260
Montana	2,420	1,900	37.0	40.0	94,380	89,540	76,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,500	48.0	46.0	73,480	76,800	69,000
New York	105	100	65.0	62.0	7,686	6,825	6,200
North Carolina	600	400	49.0	46.0	43,200	29,400	18,400
North Dakota	545	320	48.0	52.0	22,550	26,160	16,640
Ohio	980	750	72.0	72.0	74,120	70,560	54,000
Oklahoma	3,500	3,900	22.0	33.0	166,500	77,000	128,700
Oregon	750	830	56.0	59.0	44,950	42,000	48,970
Pennsylvania	175	155	56.0	58.0	11,840	9,800	8,990
South Carolina	150	135	47.0	46.0	11,070	7,050	6,210
South Dakota	1,530	1,180	42.0	49.0	103,950	64,260	57,820
Tennessee	340	180	51.0	56.0	32,760	17,340	10,080
Texas	2,450	3,500	25.0	35.0	99,000	61,250	122,500
Virginia	210	175	58.0	63.0	19,880	12,180	11,025
Washington	1,640	1,710	59.0	61.0	96,320	96,760	104,310
Wisconsin	315	230	68.0	68.0	22,110	21,420	15,640
Other States ^{1/}	960	926	47.9	48.1	65,497	46,013	44,585
UNITED STATES	34,485	31,786	44.2	45.9	1,867,333	1,522,718	1,458,350

^{1/} Other States include AL, AZ, DE, FL, IA, LA, MN, NV, NJ, NM, UT, WV, and WY. Individual State level estimates will be published in the 'Small Grains 2010 Summary.'

Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for all barley, malting barley, dry beans, all potatoes, all wheat, beef cattle, cows, steers & heifers, calves, and all milk. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay and feed barley.

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for eggs, strawberries, broccoli, and lettuce.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2009-April 2010

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		April	March	April ^{1/}	April	March	April 2010	
		2009	2010	2010	2009	2010	Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	150.00	107.00	102.00	131.00	111.00	113.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	5.54	4.71	4.81	4.84	4.15	3.63	36
Feed	Bu.	2.48	2.96	2.85	2.65	2.68	2.35	--
Malting	Bu.	5.77	4.90	5.00	5.33	4.36	3.89	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	32.40	30.50	32.00	31.50	29.50	31.30	45
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	8.50	5.35	5.80	9.81	7.42	7.59	37
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.90	2.90	--	11.98	5.26	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	6.40	7.80	--	7.61	8.86	--	--
Wheat All	Bu.	5.23	5.03	5.28	5.75	4.70	4.69	32
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	79.20	86.90	91.20	83.80	90.50	95.40	38
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	48.70	56.70	60.30	48.00	53.50	56.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	88.80	96.40	101.00	88.30	95.60	101.00	--
Calves	Cwt.	104.00	116.00	119.00	109.00	115.00	121.00	35
Lambs	Cwt.	89.00	101.00	--	101.00	115.00	--	--
Milk All ^{6/}	Cwt.	10.80	13.10	13.50	11.90	14.80	14.60	35 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-month price. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 2009	April 2009	March 2010		April 2010 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	126	129	141	140	138
Prices Paid	180	180	184	182	183
Ratio ^{1/}	70	72	77	77	75

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 9,800 acres, up 9 percent from the 2009 acreage of 9,000 and up 11 percent from the 2008 acreage of 8,800. Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 11,400 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Combined onion acreage for Idaho and Malheur County increase 5 percent from last year to 21,200 acres.

Nationally, storage planted area is 107,610 acres, down 2 percent from 2009. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is down 11 percent from last year. Despite concerns with water availability during planting, good growing conditions are currently being reported. In Idaho, snow pack on March 1 was reported to be below average. In Washington, summer onion planting began in some areas around March 1.

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2008-2010

Season and State	Acres			2010 as a Percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
Spring	31,200	30,100	28,200	94
Summer 1/ Non-storage				
California	7,800	6,600	6,900	105
Nevada	2,600	3,400	3,200	94
New Mexico	7,000	5,200	5,500	106
Texas	800	700	600	86
Washington 2/	1,900	2,000	2,000	100
Summer Non-Storage Total	20,100	17,900	18,200	102
Storage				
California 3/	32,500	32,600	29,000	89
Colorado	8,000	8,000	8,200	103
IDAHO	8,800	9,000	9,800	109
Michigan	4,000	4,000	4,500	113
New York	10,600	10,600	10,700	101
Oregon				
Malheur	12,200	11,200	11,400	102
Other	9,600	9,100	9,400	103
Washington	20,000	21,000	21,000	100
Wisconsin	1,900	2,000	1,900	95
Other States 4/	1,690	1,910	1,710	90
Summer Storage Total	109,290	109,410	107,610	98
Summer Total	129,390	127,310	125,810	99
United States	160,590	157,410	154,010	98

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 3/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing. 4/ OH and UT.

U.S. Dairy Products March 2010 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 890 million pounds, 2.3 percent above March 2009 and 14.8 percent above February 2010.

Italian type cheese production totaled 380 million pounds, 5.8 percent above March 2009 and 15.1 percent above February 2010.

American type cheese production totaled 362 million pounds, 0.6 percent below March 2009 but 13.1 percent above February 2010.

Butter production was 141 million pounds, 4.3 percent below March 2009 but slightly above February 2010.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with March 2009)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 138 million pounds, up slightly.

Skim milk powders --- 27.6 million pounds, up 13.1 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with March 2009)

Dry whey, total --- 93.6 million pounds, up 13.1 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 74.4 million pounds, up 24.5 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 36.3 million pounds, up 3.0 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with March 2009)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 79.8 million gallons, up 5.5 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 40.6 million gallons, up 13.3 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.93 million gallons, down 2.5 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.54 million gallons, up 1 percent.